

Locust Grove  
Villa Road  
Easton Vicinity  
Talbot County  
Maryland

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*Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings*

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Far side of a cultivated field at the end of a 1.0 mile long gravel lane along the Miles River, Villa Road, 2.5 miles northwest of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland

Present Owner: John O Brooks

Present Occupant: Vacant

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: According to Richard Goldsborough and Robert Goldsborough Henry of Easton, the house was owned by members of the Atkinson family.
2. Date of erection: Circa 1770
3. Construction information: Originally the house was probably one room with a side hall.
4. Alterations and additions: The house appears to have been extensively altered in the last decade of the eighteenth century, particularly with the installation of Parlour paneling. A west addition lengthened the house in the eighteenth century and a wing extending from the east elevation was added in the nineteenth century when the house was Victorianized.
5. Old views: None known

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structures:  
None known

C. Sources of Information: See H.C. Forman, Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens (New York, 1957), pp. 28 and 88.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural interest and merit: Typical late eighteenth century, one-and-a-half story, frame cottage with interesting Parlour paneling with glazed cupboards.
2. Condition of the fabric: The house is in a ruinous condition. Much of the structure has collapsed.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 20'-5" x 37'-3"
2. Foundations: Brick
3. Wall construction: Timber framed with bevel-edge siding and shiplap boards covered by narrow Victorian clapboards
4. Porches: Original porches and stoops are gone.
5. Chimneys: Brick, plain caps, stepped weatherings
6. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: There are no original exterior doors.
  - b. Windows and shutters: All the window trim, sash and shutters are Victorian or modern.
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape and covering: Wood shingles
  - b. Cornice and eaves: A reconstructed cornice is seen on Sheet 2-2 of the drawings.
  - c. Dormers: The dormers are Victorian.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: Two rooms, each floor
2. Stairways: A winding staircase is located next to the west chimney breast..
3. Flooring: Wide pine boards

4. Wall and ceiling finish: the house is plastered except for the Parlour paneling and the vertical board partition between the Parlour and the Dining Room.
  5. Doorways and doors: Two eighteenth century doors exist and are of six-panel design. Other doors are Victorian.
  6. Trim: 3 7/8" plain board trim has cyma backbanding.
  7. Hardware: H and H-L hinges; brass door pulls on Parlour cupboards.
  8. Lighting: None
  9. Heating: Three fireplaces
- D. Site and Surroundings: The house faces south on a driveway and north towards Goldsborough Creek. There are no original out-buildings or landscaping.

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